

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6193**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6193** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Regala, Keiser, Eide, Prentice, Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Fairley, McAuliffe, Fraser, Brown, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Parlette and Shin)

READ FIRST TIME 02/7/06.

1            AN ACT Relating to health professions work force supply and  
2 demographics information; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW;  
3 creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing an  
4 expiration date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that people of color  
7 experience significant disparities from the general population in  
8 education, employment, healthy living conditions, access to health  
9 care, and other social determinants of health. The legislature intends  
10 to address barriers to gender-appropriate and culturally and  
11 linguistically appropriate health care and health education materials,  
12 including increasing the number of female and minority health care  
13 providers, through expanded recruiting, education, and retention  
14 programs. The legislature finds that before developing a work force  
15 that is representative of the diversity of the state's population,  
16 relevant and accurate data on health care professionals, students in  
17 health care professions, and recipients of health services must first  
18 be collected.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The department, in collaboration with the work force training  
4 and education coordinating board, shall distribute survey questions for  
5 the purpose of gathering data related to work force supply and  
6 demographics to all health care providers who hold a license to  
7 practice a health profession. The department shall adopt a schedule  
8 for distributing surveys by profession so that each profession is  
9 surveyed every two years. In developing the survey, the department  
10 shall seek advice from researchers that are likely to use the survey  
11 data.

12        (2)(a) At a minimum, the survey shall include questions related to  
13 understanding the following characteristics of individuals in the  
14 health care work force:

15            (i) Specialty;

16            (ii) Birthdate and gender;

17            (iii) Race and ethnicity;

18            (iv) Hours in practice per week;

19            (v) Practice statistics, including hours spent in direct patient  
20 care;

21            (vi) Zip codes of the location where the provider practices;

22            (vii) Years in practice, years in practice in Washington, location  
23 and years in practice in other jurisdictions;

24            (viii) Education and training background, including the location  
25 and types of education and training received; and

26            (ix) Type of facilities where the provider practices.

27        (b) The department may approve proposals for the distribution of  
28 surveys containing additional data elements to selected health care  
29 professions if it determines that there is a legitimate research  
30 interest in obtaining the information, the additional burden on members  
31 of the health care profession is not unreasonable, the effect on survey  
32 response rates is not unreasonable, and there are funds available. The  
33 department may accept funds through contracts, grants, donations, or  
34 other forms of contributions to support more detailed surveys.

35        (3) The department must make a public data set available that meets  
36 the confidentiality requirements of subsection (5) of this section.  
37 The department may respond to requests for data and other information  
38 from the registry for special studies and analysis pursuant to a data-

1 sharing agreement. Any use of the data by the requestor must comply  
2 with the confidentiality requirements of subsection (5) of this  
3 section. The department may require requestors to pay any or all of  
4 the reasonable costs associated with such requests that may be  
5 approved.

6 (4) The failure to complete or return the survey may not be grounds  
7 to withhold, fail to renew, or revoke a license or to impose any other  
8 disciplinary sanctions against a credentialed health care provider.

9 (5) The department must process the surveys that it receives in  
10 such a way that the identity of individual providers remains  
11 confidential. Data elements related to the identification of  
12 individual providers are confidential and are exempt from RCW 42.56.040  
13 through 42.56.570 and 42.17.350 through 42.17.450, except as provided  
14 in a data-sharing agreement approved by the department pursuant to  
15 subsection (3) of this section.

16 (6) By July 1, 2009, the department shall provide a report to the  
17 appropriate committees of the legislature on the effectiveness of using  
18 a survey to obtain information on the supply of health care  
19 professionals, the distribution and use of the information obtained by  
20 the surveys by employers and health professions education and training  
21 programs and the extent to which the surveys have alleviated identified  
22 shortages of trained health care providers.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1,  
24 2006.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires January 1, 2012.

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